(c) and (d) The State Governments are primarily responsible for the promotion and development of small scale industries. The Central Government does not make any State-wise budgetary allocation under the various schemes/programmes that it implements to supplement the efforts of the State Governments for promotion and development of small enterprises.

Joint Marketing of Data

3264. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to join hands with global majors to launch joint marketing of data as well as research missions;

(b) whether the ISRO is also keen on tying up with France to share and market remote sensing data; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Antrix Corporation, ISRO's marketing division has already set up its office in Beijing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Antrix Corporation Limited, which is a commercial arm of Indian Space Research Organisation, has entered into a cooperative agreement with Space Imaging Incorporate of USA, which is a leading Earth Observation Company in the global market, to market data from Indian Remote Sensing Satellites. Currently this cooperation covers marketing data from IRS-1C, IRS-1Dand Resourcesat-1.As regards research missions, ISRO has jointly undertaken with the French National Space Agency (CNES), a scientific satellite mission called Megha-Tropiques in order to study the water cycle in tropical regions.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Antrix Corporation Limited has entered into an agreement with Remote Sensing Ground Station under the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing to provide access to data from Resourcesat-1 on a commercial basis.